UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK VOLKSWAGEN GROUP OF AMERICA, INC.,

Plaintiff,

-against-

GPB CAPITAL HOLDINGS, LLC,

Defendant.

ANALISA TORRES, District Judge:

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ORDER

It is ORDERED that the initial pretrial conference scheduled for April 15, 2020, at 11:20 a.m. shall proceed telephonically. The parties are each directed to call either (888) 398-2342 or (215) 861-0674, and enter access code 5598827.

In addition, to protect the public health, while promoting the "just, speedy, and inexpensive determination of every action and proceeding," Fed. R. Civ. P. 1, it is ORDERED pursuant to Rules 30(b)(3) and 30(b)(4) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure that all depositions in this action may be taken via telephone, videoconference, or other remote means. It is further ORDERED pursuant to Rule 30(b)(5) that a deposition will be deemed to have taken place "before an officer appointed or designated under Rule 28" if such officer attends the deposition using the same remote means used to connect all other participants, so long as all participants (including the officer) can clearly hear and be heard by all other participants. The parties are encouraged to engage in discovery through remote means at every available opportunity.

SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 10, 2020

New York, New York

ANALISA TORRES United States District Judge